GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PETROL PUMPS/LPG AGENCIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the number of petrol/diesel outlets and LPG agencies lying pending for allotments as on date in Tamil Nadu, location-wise;

(b): the details of petrol/diesel outlets and LPG agencies which were awarded but could not be opened due to certain reasons in Tamil Nadu, location-wise;

(c): whether the Government propose to invite fresh applications for the allotment of those petrol/diesel outlets and LPG agencies; and

(d): if so, the time by which those retail outlets and agencies are to be awarded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): As on 1.4.2002, there were 119 retail outlet dealerships (petrol/diesel pumps) and 196 LPG distributorships lying pending for allotment in the State of Tamil Nadu. Also, there were 11 and 6 cases respectively in the State, where retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships could not be commissioned after these were allotted.

(c)&(d): It may not be possible to indicate the time frame by which the retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships are likely to be allotted as the process of selection of dealers/distributors for the locations included in the respective marketing plans, involves issue of advertisements by the oil companies, scrutiny of the applications, interviews by the Dealer Selection Boards, preparation of merit panels, field investigation, issue of Letters of Intent, etc. And, in those cases, where commissioning of the allotted dealerships/distributorships could not take place owing to certain reasons, the commissioning can be done after the bottlenecks are removed.